Food riots against PDS agents in West Bengal

*128. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of food riots against PDS agents that took place in certain districts of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of causes;

(c) whether Government has taken up the issue with the State Government; and

(d) what steps are being taken to discount such incidents by improving efficacy of PDS?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) As per reports received from the State Government of West Bengal, there have not been any food riots in the State. However, agitation against Fair Price Shop (FPS) dealers has taken place in Birbhum, Burdwan, Bankura and Murshidabad districts in the State. The main reason mentioned by the State Government for the agitation against the FPS dealers is improper distribution of wheat to the APL Cardholders by the FPS dealers.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has taken up the issue with the State Government. Various reports/complaints received about irregularities in functioning of TPDS in the State have been sent to State Government for inquiry, appropriate action and report to the Government of India on the action taken. The State Government has assured to take necessary action against all those responsible for irregularities in functioning of TPDS and to streamline functioning of the TPDS in the State.

Increasing the Allocation to States for BPL Households

*129. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has increased the allocation of food grain to States for Below Poverty Line (BPL) households;

(b) if so, the details of such allocation made to each State during the last three years, especially for Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the expenditure incurred on food subsidy during the last three years, State-wise and especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps being taken to give food subsidy in future, especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Allocation of foodgrains (wheat and rice) under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for BPL families, including AAY are made @ 35 kgs. per family per month on the basis of poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for 1993-94 projected on the population estimate of Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000 or the number of the ration cards issued by the State/UT Governments, whichever is less. This scale of issue has been the same since April, 2002.

State-wise details of the Below Poverty Line (including AAY) families are enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below) and details of the allocation made for these beneficiaries, including Andhra Pradesh for the last three years are enclosed as Statements-II and III (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Food subsidy is released to FCI to meet the difference between the economic cost of foodgrains and their sales realized at Central Issue Prices (CIPs) for Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) and for maintaining buffer stocks of foodgrains, and to State Governments under Decentralized Procurement Scheme (DCP) for the quantities of foodgrains released and distributed under TPDS and OWS. No direct subsidy is released to Andhra Pradesh as it has not opted for DCP scheme.

Food subsidy released to FCI and to States under Decentralized Procurement Scheme during the last three years was as under:

Year	Food Subsidy (Rs. in crores)
2004-05	25746.45
2005-06	23071.00
2006-07	23827.59

At present no change is proposed in the policy of issuing subsidized foodgrains to the States, including Andhra Pradesh under TPDS and OWS.

Statement-I

State-wise details of Below Poverty Line (Including AAY) Families

Sl.No.	State/UTs	No. of Families (in Lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	40.630
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.990
3.	Assam	18.360
4.	Bihar	65.230
5.	Chhattisgarh	18.750
6.	Delhi	4.090
7.	Goa	0.480
8.	Gujarat	21.200
9.	Haryana	7.890
10.	Himachal Pradesh	5.140
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	7.360
12.	Jharkhand	23.940
13.	Karnataka	31.290
14.	Kerala	15.540
15.	Madhya Pradesh	41.250
16.	Maharashtra	65.340
17.	Manipur	1.660
18.	Meghalaya	1.830
19.	Mizoram	0.680
20.	Nagaland	1.240
21.	Orissa	32.980
22.	Punjab	4.680
23.	Rajasthan	24.310
24.	Sikkim	0.430

Sl.No.	State/UTs	No. of Families (in Lakhs)
25.	Tamil Nadu	48.630
26.	Tripura	2.950
27.	Uttar Pradesh	106.790
28.	Uttarakhand	4.980
29.	West Bengal	51.790
30.	Andaman & Nicobar	0.280
31.	Chandigarh	0.230
32.	D & N Haveli	0.180
33.	Daman & Diu	0.040
34.	Lakshadweep	0.030
35.	Pondicherry	0.840
	TOTAL:	652.030

Statement-II

Details of allocation and offtake of rice from the year 2004-05 to 2006-07 for BPL including AAY families

(000' Tonnes)

		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
Sl.No.	States/UTs	Allocation	Offtake	Allocation	Offtake	Allocation	Offtake
1.	AP	1706.376	1715.605	1706.376	1710.19	1706.376	1711.339
2.	Arunachal P	37.806	36.852	38.076	35.24	38.366	23.672
3.	Assam	800.52	761.45	800.52	776.57	770.916	750.129
4.	Bihar	1055.712	266.602	1198.381	309.53	1760.047	528.667
5.	Chhattisgarh	677.361	651.947	700.528	683.192	747.618	805.02
6.	Delhi	49.08	44.34	49.08	47.72	51.204	50.901
7.	Goa	10.92	5.04	12.279	6.251	11.258	8.34
8.	Gujarat	224.298	201.361	227.531	201.18	414.56	359.646
9.	Haryana	0	0	46.697	33.1	69.125	59.709
10.	HP	106.416	96.264	106.416	90.29	73.406	72.109
11.	J & K	234.937	211.594	234.912	226.81	235.14	234.363
12.	Jharkhand	596.136	254.705	617.952	323.39	695.662	454.367
13.	Karnataka	1051.419	1027.664	1045.428	1027.05	1047.398	1038.769
14.	Kerala	530.852	527.89	541.26	526.715	565.845	563.396
15.	M.P.	259.871	256.492	326.468	316.54	439.53	417.281
16.	Maharashtra	1046.767	872.909	1090.46	932.43	1293.63	1077.897
17.	Manipur	54.8	37.666	54.788	43.93	66.244	54.235
18.	Meghalaya	76.86	76.508	76.86	76.77	76.86	76.787
19.	Mizoram	28.68	28.742	28.68	27.66	28.56	28.56
20.	Nagaland	41.832	45.68	41.832	41.84	41.942	50.82
21.	Orissa	1696.692	1357.698	1696.692	1247.901	1696.692	1110.286
22.	Punjab	0	1.296	33.288	2.46	73.942	22.826
23.	Rajasthan	11.052	0.345	79.397	20.69	212.254	104.584
24.	Sikkim	18.24	18.08	18.24	18.37	18.24	18.24
25.	Tamil Nadu	2042.376	2089.872	2042.376	2049.23	2042.376	1934.368
26.	Tripura	123.9	126.046	123.9	121.3	123.9	108.617
27.	U.P.	1675.443	1669.465	2701.76	2420.092	3001.479	2720.304
28.	Uttranchal	135.996	147.508	140.023	131.066	141.672	115.669
29.	West Bengal	1005.264	701.238	1055.933	923.839	1266.66	777.332
30.	A & N Islands	6.29	0.5	6.432	2.04	5.696	2.84

Sl.No.	States/UTs	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Allocation	Offtake	Allocation	Offtake	Allocation	Offtake
31.	Chandigarh	4.068	0.361	4.068	0	3.172	0.28
32.	D & N Haveli	5.268	0	5.235	1.88	6.182	2.71
33.	Daman & Diu	1.116	0	1.156	0.47	1.476	0.71
34.	Lakshadweep	0.54	0	0.54	0.8	0.456	0.4
35.	Pondicherry	35.112	3.855	35.112	20.44	35.112	16.73
	TOTAL :	15352	13235.58	16888.68	14396.98	18763	15301.9

Statement-III

Allocation and offtake of wheat from the year 2004-05 to 2006-07 for BPL including AAY families

(000' Tonnes)

Sl.No.	States/UTs	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Allocation	Offtake	Allocation	Offtake	Allocation	Offtake
1.	AP	0	2.326	0	0.24	0	0.063
2.	Arunachal P	3.69	3.419	3.42	2.68	3.13	1.661
3.	Assam	0	1.49	0	0	0	1.253
4.	Bihar	1583.472	925.387	1440.803	783.54	921.057	486.254
5.	Chhattisgarh	110.271	85.172	87.104	82.8	31.32	29.086
6.	Delhi	122.7	118.379	122.7	119.62	120.576	118.464
7.	Goa	5.04	0	3.681	0	0.31	0
8.	Gujarat	659.35	469.031	649.317	462.27	436.918	394.258
9.	Haryana	328.572	282.684	281.875	239.04	261.42	245.901
10.	HP	72.516	64.044	72.516	60.87	50.231	50.447
11.	J & K	74.147	67.512	74.172	72.05	73.944	73.543
12.	Jharkhand	409.356	278.875	387.54	340.15	309.83	272.871
13.	Karnataka	262.857	245.919	238.641	226.99	212.068	194.962
14.	Kerala	121.756	122.464	111.388	110.98	86.763	86.943
15.	M.P.	1472.605	1348.838	1402.988	1410.086	1275.168	1236.296
16.	Maharashtra	1697.537	1498.37	1653.844	1451.19	1450.674	1258.073
17.	Manipur	1.214	0	4.856	3.96	3.488	1.96
18.	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0.65	0	0
19.	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0.326
20.	Nagaland	10.248	9.029	10.248	10.21	10.138	9.812
21.	Orissa	0	24.22	0	0	0	0
22.	Punjab	196.536	132.453	163.248	86.89	122.594	73.593
23.	Rajasthan	949.488	881.981	854.003	749.45	808.766	760.315
24.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0
25.	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	0	0	0
26.	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0
27.	U.P.	2809.737	2233.705	1783.032	1578.46	1485.198	1453.066
28.	Uttaranchal	73.176	72.809	69.149	69.831	67.5	66.4
29.	West Bengal	1005.276	819.035	954.607	824.92	877.09	782.558
30.	A & N Islands	2.94	0.387	2.796	0.3	1.144	0.62
31.	Chandigarh	5.568	0	5.568	0	0.228	0
32.	D & N Haveli	1.452	0	1.485	0.51	0.538	0.21
33.	Daman & Diu	0.564	0	0.524	0.19	0.204	0.12
34.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
35.	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL :	11980.068	9687.529	10379.51	8687.877	8610.297	7599.055